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S. 601

To improve the foreign language assistance program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 1999

Mr. COCHRAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Foreign Language

5 Education Improvement Amendments Act of 1999".

6 **SEC. 2. FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) FEDERAL SHARE.—Section 7203 of the Foreign

8 Language Assistance Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7513) is

9 amended—

10   (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking "three

11   years" and inserting "not less than three and not

12   more than five years";

1   (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the

2   following:

3   "(3) HEAVILY IMPACTED SCHOOLS.—The Sec-

4   retary shall use 50 percent of the funds appro-

5   priated to carry out this part for a fiscal year to

6   award grants for foreign language programs serving

7   students in elementary schools or secondary schools

8   described in section 1114(a)(1)(B), and notwith-

9   standing subsection (c) the Federal share of the cost

10   of such programs shall be 100 percent."; and

11   (3) in subsection (c)—

12   (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

13   (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and

14   (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

15   (b) APPLICATIONS.—Section 7204(b) of the Foreign

16 Language Assistance Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7514(b)) is

17 amended—

18   (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as

19   paragraphs (4) and (5);

20   (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the follow-

21   ing:

22   "(2) make effective use of technology such as

23   computer assisted instruction, language laboratories,

24   or distance learning;

1   "(3) promote innovative activities such as im-

2   mersion, partial immersion, or content-based in-

3   struction;";

4   (3) in paragraph (4) (as redesignated by para-

5   graph (1)), by striking "or" after the semicolon;

6   (4) in paragraph (5) (as redesignated by para-

7   graph (1)), by striking the period and inserting ";

8   or"; and

9   (5) by adding at the end the following:

10   "(6) involve consortia with elementary schools

11   or secondary schools.".

12   (c) INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—Section 7205(a) of the

13 Foreign Language Assistance Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C.

14 7515(a)) is amended by striking "provides to students at-

15 tending such school" and inserting "initiates".

16   (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section

17 7206 of the Foreign Language Assistance Act of 1994 (20

18 U.S.C. 7516) is amended—

19   (1) by striking "$35,000,000 for the fiscal year

20   1995" and inserting "$50,000,000 for fiscal year

21   2000"; and

22   (2) by striking "$20,000,000" and inserting

23   "$25,000,000".

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